

2015 Bill Summaries

ATTORNEYS AND RELATED MATTERS

Attorneys and Related Services

AB 686 (Daly) Unauthorized practice of law. As introduced, the bill would have expanded the prohibition of individuals who are not active members of the State Bar from practicing law in California so that it would include the act of referring a person injured in the course of employment to a lawyer or law firm for professional services in connection with the injury. The bill was later amended to address the issue of insurance fraud. Status: Assembly Insurance.

AB 703 (Bloom) Juvenile attorney qualifications. This bill establishes specified requirements for attorneys to be appointed by courts to represent minors in the juvenile justice system, and requires the Judicial Council to establish, by July 1, 2016, minimum training and education requirements for counsel to be appointed in delinquency proceedings. Status: Chapter 369, Stats. 2015.

AB 897 (Gonzalez) International arbitration. As originally introduced, this bill would have recasted existing state law governing arbitration proceedings for international commercial disputes in California, authorizing the parties to be represented or assisted by any person of their choice, regardless of whether the person is a member of the legal profession or licensed to practice law in California. The bill was later amended to deal with a different subject. In its final version, the bill establishes rules for the retention of grocery store workers. Status: Chapter 305, Stats. 2015.

AB 1523 (Committee on Judiciary) IOLTA. This bill makes a technical correction to a legal definition relating to Interest on Lawyers' Trust (IOLTA) accounts. IOLTA accounts are required to be established by attorneys or law firms for the purpose of receiving or disbursing client funds. Status: Senate Judiciary.

SB 134 (Hertzberg) Law school loan forgiveness: public interest employment. This bill requires funds in IOLTA accounts that escheat to the state to be deposited into a segregated account. Under the provisions of the bill, a portion of those IOLTA funds would then be transferred each year into the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Account for the purpose of providing, upon appropriation by the Legislature, funding to the existing Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program that provides loan forgiveness for attorneys working in government and public service jobs. Status: Chapter 488, Stats. 2015.

State Bar

SB 387 (Jackson) State Bar: annual dues. This bill authorizes the California State Bar to collect active membership dues of up to \$390 for the year 2016. This bill also requires the State Bar to develop and implement a workforce plan for its discipline system, conduct a public sector compensation and benefits study, conduct a thorough analysis of its operating costs and develop a spending plan to determine a reasonable amount for the annual membership fee, as specified, and requires the State Bar to contract with the California State Auditor's Office to conduct an in-depth financial audit of the State Bar. The bill also makes the State Bar subject to the Bagley-

Keene Open Meeting Act and the California Public Records Act, as specified. Status: Chapter 537, Stats. 2015.

CIVIL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Civil Procedure

AB 15 (Holden) Human trafficking: civil actions: statute of limitations. This bill creates a 10-year statute of limitations that would apply to civil actions for specified offenses that also constitute torture, genocide, a war crime, an attempted extrajudicial killing, or a crime against humanity, as defined. Status: Chapter 474, Stats. 2015.

AB 432 (Chang) Civil procedure: electronic signatures. This bill provides that an electronic signature by a court or judicial officer is effective as an original signature. This bill defines “electronic signature,” for the purposes of the Code of Civil Procedure, to mean an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record. Status: Chapter 32, Stats. 2015.

AB 459 (Daly) Insurable interest: declaratory relief. This bill will, until January 1, 2017, authorize the owner of record, who believes in good faith that a life insurer may challenge for lack of insurable interest a life insurance policy issued for delivery in California prior to January 1, 2010, with a death benefit equal to or greater than \$1 million, to bring an action for declaratory relief seeking a court order declaring the policy to have a valid insurable interest. Status: Senate Judiciary.

AB 555 (Alejo) Expedited jury trials. This bill extends the provisions of the Expedited Jury Trials Act indefinitely and adds a new Mandatory Expedited Jury Trial program for cases where the amount in controversy is less than, or equal to, \$25,000. Status: Chapter 330, Stats. 2015.

AB 641 (Mayes) Environmental quality: housing developments. This bill would have required the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings seeking judicial review of a public agency’s action in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approval for housing developments, as defined. The procedures would require the actions or proceedings, including any appeals therefrom, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the certification of the record of proceedings. The bill would prohibit a court from staying or enjoining those housing developments unless it makes specified findings. Status: Failed: Assembly Natural Resources.

AB 1068 (Allen) CEQA: priority projects. This bill authorizes each Member of the Legislature to nominate one project within his or her respective district each year, and the Governor to designate those projects as priority projects, thus making such projects eligible for an expedited CEQA review and approval process. Status: Assembly Natural Resources.

AB 1141 (Chau) Civil actions. This bill reenacts and makes permanent the former summary adjudication statute, Code of Civil Procedure Section 437(c) that was inadvertently allowed to sunset on January 1, Stats. 2015. In addition, this bill equalizes the treatment of expert witness

costs that are awarded to a defendant and plaintiff after the other side's rejection of a settlement offer made pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 998 so that a court may order a defendant or plaintiff to pay the opposing party's postoffer expert witness costs. Status: Chapter 345, Stats. 2015.

AB 1152 (Gray) Construction defects. This bill makes the provisions of existing law, establishing certain prelitigation procedures for homeowners and defendants to attempt to resolve construction defect claims prior to filing lawsuits and establishing the parameters of a legal action seeking recovery for construction defects, the sole and exclusive procedures and remedies available for those types of claims. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1197 (Bonilla) Deposition notices. Existing law requires a party desiring to take the oral deposition of a person to give a notice in writing that provides specified information, including the address and date of the deposition. This bill requires the deposition notice to additionally include a statement disclosing the existence of a contractual relationship, if any is known to the noticing party, between the deposition officer or entity providing the services of the deposition officer and the party noticing the deposition or a third party who is financing all or part of the action, as specified. The bill also requires the deposition notice to contain a statement disclosing that the party noticing the deposition, or a third party financing all or part of the action, directed his or her attorney to use a particular officer or entity to provide services for the deposition, if applicable. Status: Chapter 346, Stats. 2015.

AB 1267 (Bloom) Lawsuits, liens, and encumbrances. This bill extends an existing law that prohibits a person from filing or recording lawsuits, liens, and other encumbrances against a public official or employee for purposes of harassment, and provides corresponding remedies to the victims thereof, to any person or entity subject to such lawsuit, lien, or encumbrance. Status: Chapter 208, Stats. 2015.

AB 1390 (Alejo) Groundwater adjudication. This bill creates procedural changes intended to streamline comprehensive groundwater adjudications. This bill was amended after leaving our Committee to better harmonize its provisions with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the adjudication streamlining in SB 226 (see below). As part of that effort, this bill and SB 226 are contingent on the enactment of each other. This bill sets out the general provisions for streamlining groundwater adjudications and is applicable to any basin; SB 226 only applies to SGMA basins. Status: Chapter 672, Stats. 2015.

AB 1391 (Gomez) Physical education requirements: Uniform Complaint Procedures. This bill permits complaints regarding compliance with instructional minute requirements for physical education to be brought pursuant to the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP), and finds and declares that neither the original provisions of the applicable section, nor any subsequent amendments to it, were intended to create a private right of action. Status: Chapter 706, Stats. 2015.

SB 226 (Pavley) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: adjudication. This bill makes several procedural changes intended to integrate and streamline the groundwater adjudication process for groundwater basins that are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This bill and AB 1390 are contingent on the enactment of each other. AB 1390 (see

above) similarly establishes procedures for streamlining groundwater adjudications and would be applicable to any basin; SB 226 only applies to the adjudication of SGMA basins. Status: Chapter 676, Stats. 2015.

SB 383 (Wieckowski) Civil actions: objections to pleadings. This bill establishes new civil procedure requirements for filing, amending, and resolving demurrers. Among other things, this bill: (1) generally requires that before filing a demurrer in response to a complaint or cross-complaint, a party must meet and confer with the opposing party who filed the pleading subject to demurrer, as specified; (2) prohibits a party from amending a complaint or cross-complaint more than three times in response to a demurrer filed before the case is at issue; and (3) prohibits a party from demurring to a pleading that is amended following a sustained demurrer as to any portion of the amended pleading on grounds that could have been raised by the prior demurrer. Status: Chapter 418, Stats. 2015.

SB 470 (Jackson) Civil actions: summary judgment. This bill provides that a court, in granting or denying a motion for summary judgment or summary adjudication, need rule only on those objections made to evidence that the court deems material to the disposition of the motion. The bill also provides that objections to evidence that are not ruled upon for purposes of the motion shall be preserved for appellate review. Status: Chapter 161, Stats. 2015.

SB 672 (E. Hernández) Discovery: pharmacist review committees. This bill adds "pharmacist" to the existing list of medical professionals whose peer review proceedings and records are exempt from civil discovery and required testimony, so as to encourage greater openness and candor in the peer review process. Status: Chapter 274, Stats. 2015.

Evidence

AB 593 (Levine) Hearsay: admissibility of statements. This bill repeals the January 1, 2016 sunset date of the "forfeiture by wrongdoing" hearsay exception and makes this exception permanent. Status: Chapter 55, Stats. 2015.

CONTRACTS, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS

Business and Consumer Protection

AB 285 (Gallagher) Legal document assistants. This bill, until January 1, 2021, repeals all secondary county registration requirements for unlawful detainer assistants (UDAs) and legal document assistants (LDAs), establishes a 15-hour continuing legal education requirement for UDA and LDA registration and renewal, provides additional oral and written client disclosures, and provides that the venue for any disputes involving a UDA or LDA would be in the county of the client's primary residence. This bill also authorizes a county clerk to assign the same registration number to a UDA, LDA, process server, and professional copier renewing his or her registration as long as the registration has not lapsed for three or more years. Status: Chapter 295, Stats. 2015.

AB 556 (Irwin) Charitable trusts: regulation and enforcement. This bill strengthens the Attorney General's ability to enforce disclosure requirements for commercial fundraisers for charities, and establishes a 10-year statute of limitations for enforcement actions against these

commercial fundraisers, consultants and other third parties who engage in fraud or prohibited conduct. Status: Chapter 299, Stats. 2015.

AB 722 (Perea) Securities transactions. This bill authorizes a new form of securities to be offered in California to facilitate “crowdfunding” as an alternative to financial products that can now be offered under the federal JOBS Act. Status: Held: Assembly Appropriations.

AB 789 (Calderon) Contact lens sellers: prohibited practices. This bill provides that sellers of contact lenses are not subject to a manufacturer’s unilateral pricing policy (UPP), as specified, and raises the minimum fine for violating the Nonresident Contact Lens Seller Registration Act from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Status: Assembly Business & Professions.

AB 1036 (Quirk) Notaries public: acceptance of identification. This bill authorizes a notary public to rely on any inmate identification issued by a sheriff’s department to prove the identity of an individual in custody in a local detention facility, for the purpose of providing notary services. Status: Chapter 42, Stats. 2015.

AB 1252 (Jones) Proposition 65: enforcement. This bill would have prohibited any person from bringing an enforcement action against a company that employs 25 people or less for failure to provide a warning for an exposure to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, in violation of Proposition 65, unless certain conditions are met. Status: Failed: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials.

AB 1408 (Hadley) Notaries public: fees. This bill abolishes the statutory limits on fees that can be charged by notaries public for specified notarial services, and instead authorizes notaries public to establish their own fees for their services. Status: Failed: Assembly Judiciary.

Vehicles

AB 675 (Alejo) Rental vehicles: advertising and quotes. This bill revises and recasts the statute governing agreements between rental car companies and their customers in order to allow a rental car company to better separate rental fees from government-imposed charges. As heard by this Committee, the bill would also have eliminated or updated certain existing notice requirements, but these provisions were deleted in the Senate. Status: Chapter 333, Stats. 2015.

Contracts

AB 525 (Holden) Franchise relations: renewal and termination. This bill revises the rights and responsibilities of franchisors and franchisees under the California Franchise Relations Act (CFRA) primarily with respect to the termination of franchise agreements and the sale or transfer of franchise businesses. Among other things, this bill: (1) revises the definition of “good cause,” for the purpose of authorizing termination of a franchise agreement prior to the end of its term; (2) clarifies that a reasonable opportunity to cure failure to comply with the franchise agreement shall be a minimum of 60 days from the date of the notice of noncompliance (rather than 30 days provided under existing law; and (3) establishes a streamlined process and timeline for the sale or transfer of a franchise. Status: Chapter 776, Stats. 2015.

AB 552 (O'Donnell) Public works contracts: damages. This bill provides that any state or local public works contract, entered into on or after January 1, 2016, that contains a clause that expressly requires a contractor to be responsible for delay damages is not enforceable unless the delay damages have been liquidated to a set amount and identified in the public works contract. Status: Chapter 434, Stats. 2015.

AB 687 (Wilk) Contracts: liquidated damages. This bill provides that if parties to a pending action stipulate for settlement of an action, a provision of the stipulation liquidating damages for breach of the stipulation is valid unless the party seeking to invalidate the liquidated damages provision establishes that the amount of liquidated damages exceeds the damages, interest, recoverable costs, and reasonable attorney's fees sought in the action. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

SB 363 (Morrell) Attorney's fees: book accounts. This bill increases the maximum attorney's fees, in any action on a contract based on a book account, as defined, that does not provide for attorney's fees and costs, to an amount not to exceed (1) \$960 for book accounts that are maintained for personal, family or household purposes of a natural person; and (2) \$1,200 for book accounts that are maintained for all other purposes. Status: Chapter 80, Stats. 2015.

Creditor-Debtor Relations

SB 161 (Vidak) Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act. This bill renames the existing Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act (to be the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act) and adopts various changes to the act based on updates made to the underlying model act by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Status: Chapter 44, Stats. 2015.

SB 235 (Block) Small dollar loans: compensation of finders. This bill authorizes "finders" who connect borrowers with lenders under the Pilot Program for Increased Access to Responsible Small Dollar Loans pilot program to disburse loan proceeds to borrowers, receive loan payments from borrowers, and provide notices and disclosures to borrowers, as specified. It also increases allowable finder compensation and provides pilot program lenders with greater flexibility in the compensation of finders. Status: Chapter 505, Stats. 2015.

SB 308 (Wieckowski) Debtor exemptions. This bill would have increased the categorical amounts of the homestead exemption, which protect the equity value of debtors in their principal residence, and removed the existing requirement that proceeds from the forced sale of the home be reinvested in another home within six months. Among other things, this bill also expands debtor exemptions for benefits from matured life insurance policies, including endowment and annuity policies, and vacation credits or accrued or unused vacation pay. Status: Failed: Assembly Floor.

SB 438 (Hill) Motor vehicles: reportable property damage. As referred to this Committee, this bill would have increased the minimum amount of damage to property resulting from a motor vehicle accident that must be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles from \$750 to \$1,000. This bill would also have made corresponding changes to the minimum judgment amount that qualifies a judgment debtor, found liable for that damage but who has failed to pay the judgment rendered thereon, to have his or her driver's license suspended or revoked. The bill

was subsequently amended to address a different subject and re-referred. Status: Assembly Governmental Organization.

SB 501 (Wieckowski) Wage garnishment restrictions. This bill, as of July 1, 2016, reduces the maximum amount of disposable earnings subject to wage garnishment to the lesser of either 25 percent of the individual's disposable earnings for that week or 50 percent of the amount by which the individual's disposable earnings for that week exceed 40 times the state minimum hourly wage. Status: Chapter 800, Stats. 2015.

SB 641 (Wieckowski) Debt buying: default judgments. This bill adds a provision to the Fair Debt Buying Practices Act to provide consumers, in limited circumstances involving actions brought by debt buyers, extended time to file a motion to set aside a default or default judgment and for leave to defend an action relating to debt, if the service of summons did not result in actual notice to the consumer in time to defend the action. This bill requires, except in cases of identity theft or mistaken identity, that the consumer serve and file the notice of motion within a time, but in no event exceeding the earlier of either: (1) six years after entry of the default or default judgment; or (2) 180 days of the first actual notice of the action, as specified. Status: Chapter 804, Stats. 2015.

Wages and Compensation

AB 846 (Gallagher) Mechanic's lien: discretionary dismissal. This bill authorizes a court to dismiss an action to enforce a mechanic's lien for want of prosecution if a plaintiff does not make a good faith effort to effect service within 6 months after commencement of the action, instead of existing law which authorizes dismissal strictly if service is not made within 6 months after commencement of the action. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

COURTS AND RELATED MATTERS

Courts

AB 280 (Brown) Small claims court: jurisdiction. This bill increases small claims court jurisdiction over an action filed by a city, county, city and county, school district, county office of education, community college district, local district or any other local public entity up to demands that do not exceed \$10,000. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1002 (Wilk) Civil actions: interpreter costs. This bill adds the fees of a certified or registered interpreter for the deposition of a party or witness who does not proficiently speak or understand the English language to the list of fees recoverable by a prevailing party. Status: Chapter 90, Stats. 2015.

AB 1123 (Mayes) Dispute resolution programs: court administration. This bill permits a county to transfer the operations of an established alternative dispute resolution program to the superior court in the county. The court would be required to operate the program in compliance with all requirements, rules, and regulations associated with the program and assume the relevant rights and responsibilities connected with the program. The bill also requires the county to transfer, within a reasonable time, any funds received for administration of the program, with future program funding to be provided directly to the court. Status: Assembly Inactive file.

AB 1417 (Melendez) Court fees: criminal cases. This bill removes a clerk's authority to charge a fee for (1) for services rendered in any criminal action unless otherwise specifically authorized by law, and (2) the performance of an official service rendered in an action to a municipality or county in the state, to the state government, or to the United States or an officer acting in his or her official capacity. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

SB 682 (Leno) Courts: personal services contracts. This bill requires that courts comply with specified requirements before contracting out services that are currently or customarily performed by trial court employees, unless specified exemptions are satisfied. Status: Vetoed.

Court Reporting and Recording

AB 749 (Bloom) Court reporters: family law. This bill requires that an official court reporter or an official court reporter pro tempore take down in shorthand all testimony and all statements and remarks of judges and all persons appearing in child custody and Domestic Violence Prevention Act proceedings. Status: Held: Assembly Appropriations.

SB 270 (Mendoza) Court reporters: civil actions. Authorizes the Court Reporters Board of California to bring a civil action, or request the Attorney General to bring an action in a superior court, to enjoin any unlicensed person, corporation or foreign corporation from rendering court reporter services in this state. Status: Failed: Assembly Business & Professions.

Juries

AB 87 (Stone) Jurors: peremptory challenges. This bill clarifies that the prohibition against discrimination in the exercise of peremptory challenges includes the categories of discrimination listed within Government Code Section 11135 subdivision (a), including race, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, genetic information or disability. Status: Chapter 115, Stats. 2015.

AB 324 (Jones-Sawyer) Jurors: eligibility for service. This bill seeks to grant ex-felons the right to participate in jury service once they have completed the terms of their sentencing requirements. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1283 (Ting) Trial jury selection: marital status. This bill adds marital status to the list of characteristics for which an eligible person may not be exempted from jury service. Status: Senate Judiciary.

Judges

AB 1028 (Bonta) Judicial officers: oaths and affirmations. This bill permits a former judge or justice who is retired by the Supreme Court for disability to administer oaths and affirmations, if certified by the Commission on Judicial Performance. This bill also permits former judges and justices certified before January 1, 2016, to continue to administer oaths and affirmations until January 1, 2017, before needing to reapply for certification pursuant to these provisions. Status: Chapter 308, Stats. 2015.

SB 229 (Roth) Courts: judgeships. This bill appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund for the purpose of funding 12 new superior court judgeships, and accompanying staff, as specified. Status: Vetoed.

FAMILY LAW, CHILDREN AND RELATED MATTERS

Children

AB 217 (Maienschein) Dependency hearings: foster youth participation. This bill requires the court to inform a minor, if the minor is present at the juvenile hearing, of his or her right to address the court and participate in the hearing. Status: Chapter 36, Stats. 2015.

AB 260 (Lopez) Foster care: parenting youth. This bill declares that a child shall not be considered to be at risk of abuse or neglect solely on the basis of information concerning the parent's or parents' placement history, past behaviors, or health or mental health diagnoses occurring prior to the pregnancy, as specified, and prohibits that history from being used in deciding a child's placement, unless the court deems it materially relevant. The bill also requires the court clerk to maintain court files and records of a dependent parent of a child who is the subject of a dependency petition separately from the files and records of that child. Status: Chapter 511, Stats. 2015.

AB 381 (Calderon) Dependent children: placement. When determining whether to place a foster child with a relative, this bill requires a county social worker and the court to consider the specified factors on a case-by-case basis. The bill also requires that consideration for placement with a relative subsequent to the disposition hearing be given without regard to whether a new placement of a child must be made, and directs the social worker to report and the court to consider additional enumerated factors in making this determination. Status: Assembly Human Services.

AB 424 (Gaines) Court-appointed special advocates: wards. This bill authorizes the appointment of a court appointed special advocate (CASA) in a juvenile delinquency proceeding and provides that a CASA shall be considered court personnel for purposes of inspecting the case file of a dependent child or ward of the juvenile court. Status: Chapter 71, Stats. 2015.

AB 519 (McCarty) Foster youth: permanency. This bill authorizes, for children under 16 years of age and in an out-of-home placement, the placing agency to, among other things, conduct intensive and ongoing efforts to return the child home or secure a placement for the child with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian or an adoptive parent. The bill also requires, for children under 16 years of age and in an out-of-home placement, the court, at each permanency hearing to, among other things, review the intensive, ongoing, and, as of the date of the hearing, unsuccessful efforts made by the placing agency to return the child to his or her home or secure a placement for the child with a fit and willing relative, legal guardian or adoptive parent. Status: Assembly Human Services.

AB 879 (Burke) Juvenile court proceedings: notice. This bill allows, until January 1, 2019, notice of juvenile dependency hearings to be made by electronic mail if the county and the court choose to permit service by electronic mail and the person to be served has consented to such service by signing a specified form. Status: Chapter 219, Stats. 2015.

AB 885 (Lopez) Nonminor dependents: failed permanency. This bill facilitates former foster youth re-entering extended foster care upon disruption of their permanent relationships by removing the requirement that (1) aid no longer be received in order for a nonminor former dependent, who received extended Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment or Adoption Assistance Payment assistance, but whose guardian or adoptive parent no longer provides ongoing support, to petition the court to resume dependency under the extended foster care program; and (2) a nonminor former dependent child or ward of the juvenile court be receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care benefits, as specified, as one criterion for continued eligibility to receive aid. Status: Assembly Appropriations.

AB 899 (Levine) Juvenile court records: confidentiality. This bill clarifies and restates the Legislature's intent, originally expressed in Section 827 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, that records relating to juvenile court proceedings, including information about the immigration status of a minor or nonminor, is confidential and should not be shared with any unauthorized persons, except as specifically ordered by the juvenile court. Status: Chapter 267, Stats. 2015.

SB 12 (Beall) Nonminor dependents: wards. This bill permits a youth between the ages of 18 and 21 to petition the court to resume dependency jurisdiction or assume transition jurisdiction over him or her, provided the youth had been adjudged a ward of the court; was subject to an order for foster care placement at the time the petition to adjudge him or her a ward of the court was filed; and was held in secure confinement at 18 years of age. Status: Held: Assembly Appropriations.

SB 68 (Liu) Nonminor dependents: wards. This bill permits a nonminor who was subject to an order for foster care placement at the time he or she is adjudged a ward of the court, but was held in secure confinement on the day he or she attained 18 years of age, to petition the court to resume dependency jurisdiction pursuant to the California Fostering Connections to Success Act. Status: Chapter 284, Stats. 2015.

SB 238 (Mitchell and Beall) Foster children and wards: psychotropic medication training and oversight. This bill requires certification and training programs for foster parents, child welfare social workers, group home administrators, public health nurses, dependency court judges and court appointed counsel to include training on psychotropic medication, trauma and behavioral health, as specified, for children receiving child welfare services. This bill requires the Judicial Council to amend and adopt rules of court and develop appropriate forms pertaining to the authorization of psychotropic medication for foster youth. Status: Chapter 534, Stats. 2015.

SB 253 (Monning) Foster children and wards: court oversight of psychotropic medication. This bill revises and strengthens, as of July 1, 2016, juvenile court oversight requirements for administration of psychotropic medications to wards and dependents by, among other things, allowing a court to authorize psychotropic medication to a ward or dependent only if the court determines that administration of the medication is in the best interest of the child based on a determination that the anticipated benefits of the psychotropic medication outweigh the short- and long-term risks associated with it. Limits when psychotropic medication can be authorized by the court and requires a second opinion in specified situations, subject to emergency exceptions. Status: Assembly Floor.

SB 316 (Mitchell) Dependency counsel: caseloads. This bill prohibits counsel representing a child or nonminor dependent in dependency proceedings from having a caseload that exceeds 77 clients, unless the counsel has the assistance of a social worker or investigator, as specified, in which case the caseload may not exceed 188 clients. This bill additionally strikes a requirement that the Judicial Council promulgate rules of court to establish caseload standards. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

Child Custody and Visitation

AB 365 (C. Garcia) Child custody: testimony by electronic means. This bill requires the court to allow a party, whose deportation or detention by the federal Department of Homeland Security materially affects his or her ability to appear at a child custody proceeding, to present testimony and evidence, and participate in mandatory child custody mediation, by electronic means. Status: Chapter 69, Stats. 2015.

SB 594 (Wieckowski) Child custody evaluations. This bill provides that any child custody evaluation, investigation or assessment and any resulting report may only be considered by the court if it is conducted in accordance with the requirements set by the Judicial Council, but allows a court to consider a child custody evaluation that contains non-substantive or inconsequential errors, or both. Status: Chapter 130, Stats. 2015.

Marriage

AB 380 (Waldron) Marriage: putative spouses. This bill requires the court, only upon request of a party who is declared a putative spouse (a party who believes in good faith that the marriage was valid), to divide the quasi-marital property that would have been community property or quasi-community property if the marriage was valid as if it were community property. Status: Chapter 196, Stats. 2015.

AB 445 (Alejo) Marriage: solemnization. This bill adds a tribal court judge who has been authorized by tribal ordinance to solemnize marriages to the list of officials who may solemnize marriages. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

SB 340 (Anderson) Dissolution: disclosure declarations. This bill provides that a preliminary declaration of disclosure is not required by a petitioner if the petitioner served the summons and petition by publication or posting pursuant to court order and the respondent has defaulted. This bill requires, when a petitioner has served the summons and petition by publication or posting pursuant to court order and the respondent files a response prior to default judgment being entered, the petitioner to serve the respondent with a preliminary declaration of disclosure within 30 days of the response being filed. Status: Chapter 46, Stats. 2015.

SB 414 (Jackson) Marriage. As referred to this Committee, this bill would have replaced references to “husband” or “wife” with references to “spouse,” and would have made other conforming and related changes. The bill was amended to address oil spill preparedness, prevention and response. Status: Chapter 609, Stats. 2015.

Paternity and Child, Family and Spousal Support

AB 610 (Jones-Sawyer) Child support: suspension of order during incarceration. This urgency bill provides, until January 1, 2020, that the suspension of a child support order occurs by operation of law for any period exceeding 90 consecutive days in which an obligor is incarcerated or involuntarily institutionalized, subject to specified exceptions and allows for administrative adjustment of the arrears. This bill requires the Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council to evaluate the effectiveness of the administrative adjustment process and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2019. Status: Chapter 629, Stats. 2015.

AB 960 (Chiu) Parentage: assisted reproduction. This bill provides that the donor of semen provided to a licensed physician or to a licensed sperm bank for use in assisted reproduction shall be treated as if he were not the natural parent of a child thereby conceived, unless otherwise agreed to in a writing prior to the conception of the child. The bill also provides, if the semen is not provided to a licensed physician or a licensed sperm bank for use in assisted reproduction by a woman other than the donor's spouse, the donor shall be treated in law as if he were not the natural parent of the child if either: (1) the donor and the woman agreed in a writing prior to conception that the donor would not be a parent; or (2) a court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the child was conceived through assisted reproduction and that, prior to the conception of the child, the woman and the donor had an oral agreement that the donor would not be a parent. Status: Chapter 566, Stats. 2015.

AB 1049 (Patterson) Parentage. This bill states that a person's offer or refusal to sign a voluntary declaration of paternity may be considered as a factor, but shall not be determinative as to the issue of legal parentage in any proceedings regarding the establishment or termination of parental rights. This bill additionally requires a non-attorney donor facilitator to direct his or her client to deposit client funds in an independent, bonded escrow account or a trust account maintained by an attorney. Status: Chapter 91, Stats. 2015.

SB 28 (Wieckowski) Spousal support factors: domestic violence. This bill clarifies that pleas of nolo contendere to allegations of domestic violence are included in the documented history of domestic violence that a court must consider when making an award of spousal support. Status: Chapter 137, Stats. 2015.

SB 646 (Jackson) Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. This bill revises and recasts the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act to provide guidelines for the registration, recognition, enforcement and modification of foreign support orders from countries that are parties to the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance. Status: Chapter 493, Stats. 2015.

Domestic Violence

AB 439 (Bloom) Protective orders: batterer's programs. This bill requires a restrained party, who has been ordered to participate in a batterer's program, to register for the program by the deadline ordered by the court, or within 30 days if no deadline is indicated. This bill requires that at the time of enrollment, the restrained party sign all necessary program consent forms to allow the program to release specified documents, including attendance records, to the court and

the protected party, and to provide the court and the protected party with specified information regarding the program. Status: Chapter 79, Stats. 2015.

AB 494 (Maienschein) Restraining orders: protection of animals. This bill authorizes courts to include protections for companion animals in restraining orders sought by persons who fear for the safety of themselves and their animals and apply for civil harassment and other types of protective orders. Specifically, this bill authorizes the court, on a showing of good cause, to include in a civil protective or restraining order, as specified, an order: (1) granting the petitioner exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal that is held by a person protected by a restraining order, or that resides in the same residence as a person protected by a restraining order; and (2) instructing the respondent or restrained person to stay away from the animal, and refrain from taking or harming the animal, as specified. Status: Chapter 401, Stats. 2015.

AB 536 (Bloom) Domestic violence: mutual restraining orders. This bill prohibits a court from issuing a mutual restraining order unless each party presents written evidence of abuse or domestic violence in an application for relief using the mandatory Judicial Council restraining order application form, as specified. This bill also requires, by July 1, 2016, the Judicial Council to modify forms as necessary to provide notice of this information. Status: Chapter 73, Stats. 2015.

AB 1081 (Quirk) Temporary protective orders: continuances. This bill allows either party to request a continuance of a hearing on a temporary restraining order (TRO), as specified, which the court is required to grant on a showing of good cause, and additionally authorizes the court to grant a continuance on its own motion. This bill requires that, upon granting a continuance, any TRO that had previously been granted remains in effect until the conclusion of the continued hearing, but authorizes the court to modify or terminate that TRO. Status: Chapter 411, Stats. 2015.

AB 1127 (Cooley) Sacramento domestic violence funding: vital records fees. This bill creates, as a pilot program, the Sacramento County Zero Tolerance for Family Violence and Human Trafficking Act, which authorizes the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, until January 1, 2021, and upon making specified findings and declarations, to increase the fees for certified copies of marriage certificates, birth certificates, fetal death records and death records, up to a maximum increase of \$4, and requires the proceeds to be used for governmental oversight and coordination of domestic violence and family violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution efforts in Sacramento County in order to increase the effectiveness of prevention, early intervention, and prosecution of domestic and family violence. Status: Senate Governance and Finance.

AB 1272 (Grove) Protective orders: persons with developmental disabilities: sexual exploitation. This bill authorizes the issuance of an ex parte emergency protective order when there is reason to believe that a developmentally-disabled person is in immediate danger of sexual exploitation by a developmental disability residential service provider. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1407 (Atkins) Domestic violence: division of wireless telephone plans. This bill authorizes a court, beginning July 1, 2016, after notice and a hearing, to issue a domestic

violence restraining order directing a wireless telephone service provider to transfer the billing responsibility and rights to a wireless telephone number to a requesting party and requires that the requesting party assume all financial responsibility for the transferred telephone number, monthly service costs, and costs for any mobile device associated with the telephone number. This bill also prohibits a cause of action against a wireless telephone service provider, its officers, employees, or agents, for actions taken in accordance with the terms of the court order. Status: Chapter 415, Stats. 2015.

Family Law

AB 1519 (Committee on Judiciary) Family law. This bill makes various changes to the Family Code, including: (1) providing that the Department of Child Support Services has no obligation to determine whether a prepaid card account at the financial institution of the recipient's choice is a qualifying account, as defined; (2) allowing, effective July 1, 2016, a local child support agency to electronically file pleadings signed under penalty of perjury, as specified; (3) clarifying that a petitioner is required to serve the preliminary declaration of disclosure either concurrently with the petition for legal separation or within 60 days of filing the petition or response; and (4) ratifying the authority of the Judicial Council to convert 10 subordinate judicial officer positions to judgeships in the 2015-16 fiscal year, as specified. Status: Chapter 416, Stats. 2015.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

AB 20 (Alejo) Undocumented workers: California Agricultural Act. The bill establishes a framework for a program to provide undocumented persons who are agricultural employees a permit to work and live in California if such a program were to be authorized by federal law. The bill also directs the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to convene a working group to consult with the federal government and other stakeholders on how to best implement this program. Status: Held Senate Appropriations.

AB 60 (Gonzalez) Immigration services: attorneys. This bill clarifies the existing prohibition on the advance payment of fees for immigration reform act services before the enactment of an immigration reform act, as specified, by expanding the definition of "immigration reform act" to include the President's executive actions on immigration, as specified, and makes related conforming changes. Status: Chapter 6, Stats. 2015.

AB 900 (Levine) Extended guardianship: special immigrant juvenile status. This bill authorizes a court to appoint a guardian, or extend a guardianship, for an unmarried individual who is between 18 and 21 years of age in connection with a petition to make the necessary findings regarding special immigrant juvenile status, as specified, with the consent of the proposed ward. Status: Chapter 694, Stats. 2015.

AB 1462 (Gonzalez) Immigration services. This bill requires a state department, as determined by the Governor, to contract with qualified nonprofit or community-based organizations to provide legal services to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action

for Parents of Americans (DAPA) applicants in this state, subject to the availability of funding in the Budget Act. Status: Held: Assembly Appropriations.

AJR 19 (Alejo) Military service: immigrants. This resolution urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation allowing immigrants to serve in the military if they are eligible under the President's Executive Order for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or Executive Order for Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents. Status: Resolution Chapter 138, Stats. 2015.

SB 10 (Lara) Immigration: Governor's Office of New Americans. As referred to this Committee, this bill would have established the Office of New Americans in the Governor's office for the purpose of, among other things, coordinating an ongoing multiagency, multisector public and private effort to provide information and services to new Americans. The bill was later amended to address an unrelated subject. Status: Assembly Rules.

SJR 2 (Vidak) Immigration. This measure urges Congress and the President of the United States to work together to create a comprehensive and workable approach to reform the nation's immigration system according to specified principles. Status: Resolution Chapter 23, Stats. 2015.

SJR 5 (Nguyen) Vietnam: humanitarian resettlement. This resolution urges the federal government to reauthorize the Humanitarian Resettlement Program and the Orderly Departure Program to allow disabled veterans of the South Vietnamese Army currently living in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to enter the United States. Status: Resolution Chapter 94, Stats. 2015.

LIABILITY AND RELATED MATTERS

Damages and Civil Penalties

AB 29 (Campos) Civil action for unlawful sexual battery: consent defense. This bill prohibits the use of consent as a defense in a civil action involving sexual battery between a minor and an adult who was in a position of trust, authority or supervision, or who acted as a caretaker in relation to the minor. The bill also prevents consent from being used to mitigate damages in such cases. Status: Senate Judiciary.

AB 538 (Campos) Actions for damages: felony offenses: victim notification. This bill ensures that victims of specified felonies are notified by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) that the person who committed the felony has entered into a contract for the sale of the story of the crime, if such notification has previously been requested of CDCR. The bill also clarifies that no civil action for damages for the sale of the story may be filed against a person who was wrongfully convicted of a crime he or she did not commit, exonerated, and subsequently released from prison. Status: Chapter 465, Stats. 2015.

AB 830 (Eggman) Civil actions: gender violence. This bill provides the existing remedies available to victims of gender-related violence to victims of sexual orientation-based violence and otherwise defines "gender," in accordance with the Unruh Civil Rights Act, to include "gender expression" and "gender identity." Status: Chapter 202, Stats. 2015.

AB 998 (Wagner) Civil law: libel: damages. This bill extends a statutory damage limitation rule for libel that limits a plaintiff to special damages, as defined, where the defendant retracts a libelous statement. Courts have construed existing law so that the rule only applies to libel actions against traditional print media and radio and television broadcasts. This bill extends the rule to libel actions against online daily and weekly news publications, as defined. Status: Chapter 343, Stats. 2015.

SB 14 (Lara) Civil action for sexual battery: consent defense. This bill prohibits the use of consent as a defense in any sexual battery civil action involving a minor victim where the person committing the sexual battery is an adult who is in a position of authority, as defined. This bill prohibits the use of any evidence of the minor's sexual conduct with the adult perpetrator, except in limited circumstances. Status: Chapter 128, Stats. 2015.

SB 145 (Pan) Health facilities: patient transporting. As referred to this Committee, this bill would have clarified that a hospital that transports out a patient who is medically unstable due to alcohol poisoning is subject to enhanced administrative penalties by the Department of Public Health for committing an "immediate jeopardy" violation. The bill was subsequently amended to address an unrelated subject. Status: Chapter 712, Stats. 2015.

Immunity, Scope of Liability and Related Issues

AB 597 (Cooley) Asbestos Tort Trust Transparency Act. This bill enacts the Asbestos Tort Claim Trust Transparency Act. It establishes additional procedures in any action raising an asbestos tort claims. Among other things, the bill requires a plaintiff to disclose specified information with respect to any asbestos trusts claims, as defined, and it prevents a plaintiff bringing an asbestos claim from obtaining a trial preference unless certain information was provided. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 604 (Olsen) Electrically motorized boards. This bill defines the vehicle known as an "electrically motorized board," restricts their operation on public facilities, requires boards to be equipped with safety equipment, and authorizes cities and counties to further regulate their use. As referred to this Committee, this bill would have shielded local governments from liability for certain injuries arising out of a board operator's failure to follow restrictions and limitations established by this bill. These provisions were later amended out of the bill and therefore not heard by this Committee. Status: Chapter 777, Stats. 2015.

AB 637 (Campos) Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment forms. This bill allows a nurse practitioner and a physician assistant acting under the supervision of a physician to sign a completed Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment form and provides qualified immunity to both a nurse practitioner and a physician assistant for signing such a form. Status: Chapter 217, Stats. 2015.

AB 739 (Irwin) Immunity: communication of cyber security threat. This bill provides immunity from civil or criminal liability for private entities that communicate certain cyber security-threat information, as specified. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1146 (Jones) Skateboard parks. This bill, until January 1, 2020, expands local government immunity from liability for injuries to recreational users of public skateboard parks to include

riders of wheeled recreational devices other than skateboards, including nonmotorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates or wheelchairs. The bill also requires local public agencies to maintain records of all known or reported injuries by persons riding skateboard or other wheeled recreational devices in a public skateboard park, and to report specified data to the Legislature annually. Status: Chapter 221, Stats. 2015.

AB 1300 (Ridley-Thomas) Mental health: involuntary commitment: immunity. This bill makes a number of changes to the law governing the involuntary commitment of persons to mental health facilities pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5150 and 5152. Most significantly, it provides qualified immunity to non-designated hospitals (those not specifically designated by the county) for the evaluation of whether a person is a danger to self or others, or is greatly disabled, and is therefore appropriately detained in the facility for a 72-hour hold for acute mental health treatment. Status: Assembly Appropriations.

AB 1386 (Low) Emergency medical care: epinephrine auto-injectors. This bill allows an “authorized entity,” as defined, to use an epinephrine auto-injector to render emergency care to another person, as specified. The bill also grants immunity to an authorized entity, including any employee or agent of an authorized entity, for any injury resulting from the emergency administration of the auto-injector. Status: Assembly Business and Professions.

SB 119 (Hill) Protection of subsurface installations. This bill makes several changes to laws governing subsurface excavations, including (1) authorizing the Contractors State License Board, the Public Utilities Commission, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal to accept, amend or reject the recommendations of the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Authority to enforce specific provisions related to operators and excavators; (2) providing that in an action for reimbursement or indemnification for a claim arising from damage to a subsurface installation in which a court finds that the excavator complied with the requirements of the law, the excavator may be awarded reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses; (3) requiring real property owners, as specified, to call a regional call center when excavating on their property, but providing that owners complying with the notification provisions are not relieved of their duty to perform any excavation with reasonable care; and (4) providing that liquidated damages, liability, losses, costs, and expenses may be awarded to an excavator for an operator's non-compliance only if the operator did not have a reasonable basis for the non-compliance. Status: Vetoed.

SB 287 (Hueso) Automated external defibrillator installation: immunity. This bill requires certain buildings with the capacity of 200 or more persons constructed on or after January 1, 2017 to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) on the premises and provides persons who acquire AEDs for installation in such buildings with qualified immunity. Status: Chapter 449, Stats. 2015.

SB 658 (Hill) Automated external defibrillator installation requirements. This bill repeals or reduces various requirements relating to persons or entities who acquire AEDs, including requirements that employees complete training, and reducing the inspection requirements from once every 30 days to once every 90 days. Status: Chapter 264, Stats. 2015.

SB 738 (Huff) Epinephrine auto-injectors: prescriptions. This bill provides that an authorizing physician and surgeon shall not be subject to professional review, liable in a civil action, or subject to criminal prosecution for the issuance of a prescription or order pursuant to existing law (which requires public schools to obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors from an authorizing physician and surgeon, as defined, for use in emergencies), unless the physician and surgeon's issuance of the prescription or order constitutes gross negligence or willful or malicious conduct. Status: Chapter 132, Stats. 2015.

CIVIL, CONSTITUTIONAL, AND PERSONAL RIGHTS

Civil Rights

AB 182 (Alejo) California Voting Rights Act. This bill expands the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) to allow challenges to district-based elections to be brought under the CVRA. Specifically, it prohibits district-based elections from being imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class of voters to elect candidates of its choice as the result of the dilution or abridgement of the voting rights of members of the protected class. Status: Vetoed.

AB 272 (Lackey) California Fair Employment and Housing Act: reserve peace officers. This bill provides that a person deputized or appointed by the proper authority as a reserve deputy sheriff or a reserve city police officer, is an employee of the county, city, city and county, town, district or other such proper authority for all purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). Status: Vetoed.

AB 560 (Gomez) Civil actions: immigration status. This bill provides that, for the purposes of enforcing state labor, employment, civil rights, and employee housing laws, the immigration status of a minor child seeking recovery under any applicable law is irrelevant to the issues of liability or remedy. Further, this bill prohibits discovery or other inquiry in a civil action or proceeding into a minor child's immigration status, with specified exceptions. Status: Chapter 151, Stats. 2015.

AB 1520 (Committee on Judiciary) Ralph Civil Rights Act. As heard by this Committee, this bill would have clarified that a certain civil rights provision of the Civil Code was part of the Ralph Civil Rights Act. The bill was amended in the Senate to amend an existing exemption to the Public Records Act that permits the withholding of utility customer information, so that the exemption would only apply to residential utility consumers, but not to commercial or governmental utility consumers. Status: Senate Judiciary.

ACR 67 (Mullin) The Sodomite Suppression Act. This resolution provides that the Legislature stands in moral and legal objection to the ballot measure that proposed to enact the Sodomite Suppression Act and to any other ballot measure that seeks to inflict harm on innocent persons or diminish current civil rights protections, and calls upon the residents of the State of California to reject bigotry and hate speech. Status: Resolution Chapter 171, Stats. 2015.

SB 600 (Pan) Discrimination: citizenship: language: immigration status. This bill amends the Unruh Civil Rights Act to expressly prohibit discrimination by business establishments on

the basis of citizenship, primary language, and immigration status. Status: Chapter 282, Stats. 2015.

Constitutional Rights

AB 775 (Chiu) The Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act. This bill requires a licensed covered facility, as defined, to disseminate a notice to all clients, as specified, stating, among other things, that California has public programs that provide immediate free or low-cost access to comprehensive family planning services, prenatal care, and abortion, for eligible women. The bill also requires an unlicensed covered facility, as defined, to disseminate a notice to all clients, as specified, stating, among other things, that the facility is not licensed as a medical facility by the State of California. Status: Chapter 700, Stats. 2015.

AB 1212 (Grove) Post-secondary education: Student Freedom of Association Act. This bill would have required, as a condition of receiving state funds for student financial assistance, the governing board of each California Community College (CCC) district, the California State University (CSU) Trustees, and the University of California (UC) Regents, to adopt a policy prohibiting their respective campuses from discriminating against a student organization with respect to a benefit available to any other student organization, based on that organization's requirement that its leaders or voting members adhere to certain beliefs or conduct. Status: Failed: Assembly Higher Education.

ACR 95 (Mathis) American flag. This resolution calls upon state and local governments to prohibit any government entity in the state from banning the American flag from public property, including, but not limited to, public schools, public colleges, public universities, state beaches, public parks, public monuments, museums, and government offices. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AJR 10 (Grove) Federal constitutional convention: application. This resolution constitutes California's application to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of amending the United States Constitution. Specifically, the resolution calls for amendments that would impose fiscal constraints on the federal government and generally limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AJR 26 (Weber) Removal of Confederate flag. This resolution encourages Congress to ban government use or display of the confederate flag on federal property and encourages the several states to ban Confederate symbolism in state flags, seals, and symbols. Status: Resolution Chapter 196, Stats. 2015.

Disability Rights

AB 52 (Gray) Accommodations: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill provides that statutory damages recovered against a place of public accommodation that is based upon a violation of a construction-related accessibility standard are a maximum of one-quarter of the minimum damages that are recoverable for other violations of the Unruh Civil Rights Act and are not recoverable at all under certain conditions. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 54 (Olsen) Accommodations: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill modifies the state Disability Access for Eligible Small Business Credit, allowing a state tax credit of up to \$250 for the amount paid or incurred by an eligible business for the improvements to the property in order to provide access to disabled individuals of up to 50% of the eligible access expenditures for the taxable year, including the amount paid or incurred for a site to be inspected by a certified access specialist (CAsp). Status: Assembly Revenue and Taxation.

AB 59 (Waldron) Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project. This bill permanently deletes the January 1, 2017 sunset on the AOT law so it can be extended indefinitely; eliminates the requirement for any county that elects to offer AOT to make a finding, prior to authorizing the program, that other mental health programs, including but not limited to children's mental health services, will not be reduced as a result of implementation of AOT; and allows the professional staff of the facility where a person has been detained for involuntarily inpatient treatment to request that the county mental health director file a petition for a court order requiring that the person participate in AOT. Status: Failed: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1193 (Eggman) Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project. This bill makes AOT an opt-out program, allowing a county that does not wish to implement the program to pass a resolution of the county board of supervisors stating the reasons for opting out and any facts or circumstances relied on in making that decision; extends for five years the date when the program is set to sunset, from January 1, 2017 until January 1, 2022; and allows any superior court judge to request that the mental health director evaluate the person for AOT. Status: Held: Assembly Appropriations.

AB 1342 (Steinorth) Accommodations: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill requires a commercial property owner or lessor to state on every lease form or rental agreement executed on or after January 1, 2016 whether the subject premises have undergone inspection by a Certified Access Specialist (CAsp), as specified. In addition, this bill requires the California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA) to establish a permanent legislative outreach coordinator position and a permanent educational outreach coordinator position and requires the State Architect to require a CAsp applicant to provide the location (i.e. city, county, or city and county) in which the CAsp will provide services. Status: Vetoed.

AB 1468 (Baker) Accommodations: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill provides that a public entity's possession of a closeout letter from the State Architect certifying that the public buildings, public facilities, and other public places to which the letter applies meet the applicable building and construction-related accessibility standards of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act shall serve as presumptive evidence that the public buildings, facilities, and places are in compliance with this part and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1521 (Committee on Judiciary) High-frequency litigants: construction-related accessibility claims. Provides additional information and legal resources to small business owners who may not realize how to minimize their liability for construction-related accessibility violations, or how to respond to a complaint filed against them. The bill also limits the practice of high-volume lawsuits that are motivated by quick settlement with business owners, rather than

correction of construction-related accessibility violations, by imposing a higher filing fee and additional pleading requirements on a person who meets the definition of a “high-frequency litigant.” Status: Chapter 755, Stats. 2015.

SB 251 (Roth) Accommodations: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill makes a number of changes to provide financial relief to businesses and encourage compliance with construction-related accessibility standards. Specifically, this bill establishes that certain “technical violations” are presumed to not cause a person difficulty, discomfort or embarrassment for the purpose of an award of minimum statutory damages in a construction-related accessibility claim, subject to rebuttal, and provides a 120-day period in which a business cannot be sued for minimum statutory damages after obtaining a CASp inspection. Status: Vetoed.

Personal Rights

AB 695 (Allen) Internet impersonation: cause of action. This bill establishes a private civil cause of action against any person who knowingly and without consent credibly impersonates another person on an Internet Web site, or by other electronic means, and intentionally induces another to believe he or she is the other person, if that other person suffers any general or special damages. The bill authorizes the court to award reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs to the prevailing plaintiff. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 829 (Nazarian) Gang affiliation: shared gang databases. This bill requires a local law enforcement agency to notify a person, or if that person is under 18 years of age, his or her parent or guardian, prior to designating that person a gang member, associate or affiliate in a shared gang database. This bill authorizes that person, or his or her parent or guardian, to request information regarding the status of the person in a shared gang database, and requires the law enforcement agency to provide that information, subject to specified exceptions. This bill authorizes that person, or his or her parent or guardian, to contest the designation and request removal of information from the database on the ground that the person is not and has never been a gang member, associate or affiliate. This bill authorizes a person whose written request for removal is denied to appeal the decision at an administrative hearing conducted by a hearing officer, and, if necessary, to commence an action to seek review of an unfavorable decision by a court of competent jurisdiction. Status: Failed: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1211 (Maienschein) Residential care facilities: resuscitation measures. As referred to this Committee, this bill would have required residential care facilities for the elderly to provide written information, upon admission, about the right to formulate advance health care directives - specifically, including a request regarding resuscitative measures. The bill was subsequently amended to address a different subject and re-referred before being heard in this Committee. Status: Chapter 483, Stats. 2015.

AJR 16 (E. Garcia) Blood donation: discrimination. This resolution requests the President and the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt science-based policies that repeal current Food and Drug Administration policies that prohibit men who have had sex with men from donating blood. Status: Resolution Chapter 194, Stats. 2015.

SB 128 (Wolk and Monning) End of Life Options. This bill enacts the End of Life Option Act, allowing an adult with the capacity to make medical decisions, and who has been diagnosed with a terminal disease, to receive a prescription for an aid-in-dying drug in order to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner. The bill includes several safeguards to ensure that the person has knowingly consented and is a qualified patient, including requiring a diagnosis by a second physician. The bill exempts physicians from any civil or criminal liability relating to their decision to participate or not participate as prescribed by the bill. The provisions of the bill were substantially replicated in ABX2-15 of the extraordinary session which was signed into law. Status: Assembly Health.

Privacy Rights

AB 856 (Calderon) Invasion of privacy. This bill renders a person liable for physical invasion of privacy when that person knowingly enters upon the land of another, including by entry into the airspace above the land, without permission in order to capture any type of visual image, sound recording, or other physical impression of a person engaging in a private, personal, or familial activity and the invasion occurs in a manner that is offensive to a reasonable person. Status: Chapter 521, Stats. 2015.

AB 1116 (Committee on Privacy & Consumer Protection) Connected televisions. This bill prohibits the collection and use of spoken words and conversations that are captured by Internet-connected televisions, commonly known as "connected televisions" or "smart TVs," without consent and prohibits using or selling for advertising purposes any spoken words or sounds collected through a connected television. Status: Chapter 524, Stats. 2015.

Employment Rights

AB 289 (Melendez) Legislative Employee Whistleblower Protection Act. This bill enacts the Legislative Employee Whistleblower Protection Act to prohibit a Member of the Legislature, or a legislative employee, from directly or indirectly using or attempting to use that person's official authority or influence to intimidate, threaten, coerce, command, or so attempt, a legislative employee for the purpose of interfering with the right of that employee to make a protected disclosure, as defined. This bill also prohibits retaliation against the legislative employee for making a whistleblower complaint and provides a right of action against a Member, subject to the doctrine of legislative immunity. Status: Held: Senate Appropriations.

AB 359 (Gonzalez) Grocery workers: retention. This bill requires, upon a change in ownership of a grocery store, that an incumbent employer prepares a list of specified eligible grocery workers for a successor grocery employer, and it requires the successor grocery employer to hire from this list during a 90-day transition period. This bill requires the successor grocery employer to retain eligible grocery workers for a 90-day period, prohibits the successor grocery employer from discharging those workers without cause during that period, and requires the successor employer to consider, upon the end of the period, offering continued employment to those workers. Status: Chapter 212, Stats. 2015.

AB 583 (Chavez) Military service: employment protections. This bill extends existing employment and reemployment protections to members of national guards of other states, when

they leave positions of private employment within California because they are called to active state service by other states' governors, or into active federal service by the President of the United States. Status: Chapter 183, Stats. 2015.

AB 588 (Grove) Labor Code: Private Attorneys General Act. This bill would amend the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (PAGA) to allow an employer to cure an alleged violation of law related to itemized wage statements before a civil action could be brought by an aggrieved employee. Status: Assembly Labor and Employment.

AB 1017 (Campos) Equal pay: state contractors. This bill prohibits an employer from seeking salary history information, including, but not limited to, compensation and benefits, about an applicant for employment. As referred to this Committee the bill contained provisions creating a civil action that were subsequently deleted and the bill was re-referred to Assembly Labor and Employment Committee only. Status: Vetoes.

SB 358 (Jackson) Conditions of employment: gender wage differential. This bill prohibits an employer from paying any of its employees at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of the opposite sex for substantially similar work, when viewed as a composite of skill, effort, and responsibility, and performed under similar working conditions, except where the employer demonstrates that the pay differential is based on seniority, merit, or some other legitimate or bona fide factor other than sex. Status: Chapter 546, Stats. 2015.

SB 588 (De Leon) Nonpayment of wages: enforcement of judgment. This bill authorizes the Labor Commissioner to file a lien or levy on an employer's property in order to assist an employee in collecting unpaid wages, as specified. The bill creates a sliding scale for a defendant required to post a surety bond in order to continue operations; requires the Labor Commissioner to report to the State Department of Public Health or the State Department of Social Services if a long-term care facility is operating in violation of the surety bond provisions; and makes technical and clarifying changes relating to wage orders, appeals, and attorney's fees. Status: Chapter 803, Stats. 2015.

OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC RECORDS

AB 276 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) Department of Toxic Substances Control: disclosure of clean-up information. This bill authorizes the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to request financial information from specified entities and requires specified entities to provide information to DTSC regarding the ability of those persons to pay for or perform a cleanup. As referred to this Committee the bill contained trade secret and liability provisions that were subsequently deleted and, accordingly, the Committee waived hearing. Status: Chapter 459, Stats. 2015.

AB 553 (Daly) Corporate governance: insurance holding companies. This bill adopts the National Association of Insurance Commissioners model laws on corporate governance. The model law allows the Insurance Commissioner to encourage insurers and insurance groups, who are not otherwise required, to provide a Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure (CGAD) report to the Insurance Commissioner. This report provides the Insurance Commissioner with a summary of an insurer or insurance group's corporate practices and governance framework.

This bill excludes all information obtained in the submitted CGAD report from disclosure or discovery in any private civil action if obtained from the Insurance Commissioner in any manner. Status: Chapter 213, Stats. 2015.

AB 825 (Rendon) Public Utilities Commission. This bill makes several changes relating to meetings and documents submitted to, or maintained by, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in order to increase transparency and oversight of CPUC activities. As heard by this Committee, the bill would have also made changes to the process of judicial review of CPUC decisions; however, those provisions were deleted in the Senate. Status: Vetoed.

AB 1154 (Gray) California Public Records Act: applications to carry concealed weapons. Under this bill, the home addresses, and telephone numbers of those who apply for a license, as well as those who obtain a license, to carry a concealed firearm (CCW) would no longer be considered a public record. Status: Assembly Public Safety.

AB 1246 (Quirk) Body camera: peace officers: limited disclosure. This bill, notwithstanding any other law, prohibits the disclosure of a recording made by a body camera worn by a police officer, except for requiring disclosure to the person whose image is recorded by the body worn camera. Status: Assembly Public Safety.

SB 272 (Hertzberg) California Public Records Act: local agency inventory. This bill requires cities, counties, special districts, and joint powers authorities, by July 2016, to create a catalogue of their enterprise systems and make the catalog available to the public, including on the agency's Web site. Status: Chapter 795, Stats. 2015.

SB 421 (Hancock) Refinery turnaround plans. This bill deletes the requirement that the court award attorneys' fees to the party who prevails in an action to compel or prohibit the disclosure of petroleum refinery turnaround information by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health and clarifies that a petroleum refinery employer, or a person requesting the disclosure of turnaround information, may intervene in an action to prohibit or compel the disclosure of turnaround information. Status: Chapter 314, Stats. 2015.

SB 696 (Roth) Insurance principle-based valuation. This bill conforms California law to the model Standard Valuation Law, adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and replaces the current method of calculating reserves for most life insurance products with a new method known as Principle-Based Reserving applicable to contracts issued on or after the effective date, as specified. This bill provides that documents and information provided to the Insurance Commissioner as part of the actuarial analysis are confidential and not subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, subpoena, or discovery and are not admissible in any private civil action. Status: Chapter 658, Stats. 2015.

PROBATE AND RELATED MATTERS

Civil Commitment, Conservatorship and Guardianship

AB 193 (Maienschein) Mental health: conservatorship hearings. This bill permits a judge presiding over a probate conservatorship to recommend to the county investigating officer the establishment of a Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatorship when there is evidence of

grave disability as a result of a mental disorder or impairment by chronic alcoholism. Status: Vetoed.

AB 314 (Waldron) Limited conservatorship: developmentally disabled persons. This bill provides that, if a parent seeks to become the conservatee for his or her developmentally disabled child, no court investigation is required. This bill also authorizes, rather than requires, that the proposed limited conservatee, with his or her consent, to be assessed by a regional center. The bill requires the regional center, with the consent of the proposed limited conservatee, to submit a written report containing findings and recommendations to the court without an assessment of the proposed conservatee if both the proposed conservator is a parent of the proposed conservatee and the proposed conservatee has been a client of the regional center for a period of time sufficient for the center to provide those findings and recommendations without the need for an additional assessment. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 436 (Jones) Conservator dementia powers: appointment of counsel. This bill requires a court, upon granting or denying authority to a conservator for the placement of a conservatee in a secured residential care facility or administration of medications for the care and treatment of dementia, to discharge the court-appointed attorney or order the continuation of the legal representation of the conservatee. Status: Chapter 197, Stats. 2015.

AB 468 (Jones) Wards and conservatees: mental health. This bill deletes the requirement in existing law for the Director of the Department of State Hospitals to adopt and issue regulations defining the term “mental health treatment facility” for purposes of involuntary placement of a ward or a conservatee. Status: Chapter 117, Stats. 2015.

AB 1085 (Gatto) Conservators and attorneys in fact: visitation and death notification. This bill authorizes the court to issue an order that specifically grants a conservator the power to enforce the conservatee’s rights to receive visitors, telephone calls and personal mail, or that directs the conservator to allow those visitors, telephone calls and personal mail, and requires a conservator to provide notice of a conservatee’s death by mailing a copy of the notice to all persons entitled to notice, as specified, and by filing a proof of service with the court, unless otherwise ordered by the court. This bill also requires an attorney-in-fact, who is named by a person (principal) to handle the principal’s health matters, upon the death of the principal, to inform those individuals, whose names are provided by the principal to the attorney-in-fact, of the principal’s death. Status: Chapter 91, Stats. 2015.

SB 269 (Vidak) Conservatorship appointment: compensation. This bill authorizes a person, who has successfully petitioned for the appointment of a third-party conservator, and that person’s attorney, to petition the court for an order fixing and allowing compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with the appointment of the conservator. This bill provides that any compensation and costs shall be charged to the conservatee’s estate. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

SB 589 (Block) Voter registration: conservatees. This bill authorizes an individual who is qualified to vote but has a disability to complete an affidavit of registration with reasonable accommodations, as needed, as long as a court finds that the person communicates, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process. The bill also

requires that a person must be presumed to be mentally competent to vote, regardless of his or her conservatorship status. Status: Chapter 736, Stats. 2015.

Elder Abuse

SB 196 (Hancock) Elder abuse: protective orders. This bill authorizes a county adult protective services agency to file a petition for a protective order on behalf of an elder or dependent adult, as specified. Status: Chapter 285, Stats. 2015.

Probate

AB 139 (Gatto) Nonprobate transfer: revocable transfer on death deed. This bill creates, until January 1, 2021, a new nonprobate real property transfer instrument, a revocable transfer on death deed, which is effective to transfer specified residential real property upon death of the transferor. The bill requires the California Law Revision Commission to study the effects of the revocable transfer on death deed and make recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2020. Status: Chapter 293, Stats. 2015.

AB 548 (C. Garcia) Estate administration: nomination of personal representative. This bill, by removing a January 1, 2016, sunset, extends the authorization indefinitely for a court to appoint an administrator nominated by a non-U.S. relative to administer a decedent's estate. Status: Chapter 54, Stats. 2015.

AB 657 (Achadjian) Property taxation: change in ownership reporting. Existing probate law requires the personal representative to file a change in ownership statement with the county recorder or assessor in each county in which the decedent owned real property at the time of death that is subject to probate proceedings, and further requires that statement to be filed before or at the time the inventory and appraisal is filed with the court clerk. This bill instead requires this statement to be filed within 150 days after the date of death. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 691 (Calderon) The Privacy Expectation Afterlife and Choices Act. This bill authorizes a defined electronic communication service or remote computing service (provider) to disclose specified information pertaining to the account of a deceased user to the personal representative of the decedent's estate or the trustee of the decedent's trust if provided with prescribed information. The bill authorizes a probate court with jurisdiction over the deceased user's estate or trust to order disclosure of certain information if the court makes specified findings, including that the request for disclosure is narrowly tailored to the purpose of administering the estate or trust. Finally, the bill prescribes circumstances under which the provider would not be compelled to disclose a record or the contents of a communication. Status: Senate Inactive file.

SB 785 (Morrell) Estates and trusts: creditor's claim. This bill defines "probate estate" and "trust estate" for purposes of a trustee's petition to pay a creditor's claims and expenses from the assets of a revocable trust. The bill clarifies that certain references to "estate" in existing law mean a "probate estate." Status: Chapter 48, Stats. 2015.

PROPERTY AND RELATED MATTERS

Mortgage Lending and Foreclosure

AB 244 (Eggman) Mortgages and deeds of trust: successors in interest. Existing law defines a borrower, for purposes of specified provisions relating to mortgages and deeds of trust, as a natural person who is a mortgagor or trustor who is potentially eligible for any federal, state, or proprietary foreclosure prevention alternative program offered by, or through, his or her mortgage servicer. This bill includes a successor in interest in the definition of a borrower for purposes of the above eligibility provisions. The bill also defines a successor in interest for these purposes as a natural person who provides the mortgage servicer with notification of the death of the mortgagor or trustor and reasonable documentation, as specified, showing that the person falls into one of four categories of successors, including a personal representative of the mortgagor's or trustor's estate or a surviving spouse, as specified. Status: Assembly Banking and Finance.

Personal Property

AB 318 (Chau) Lost money and goods: bicycles: restoration to owner. This bill establishes a five-year pilot program to authorize public transit agencies to shorten the time they are required to store lost or unclaimed bicycles, from 90 days to 45 days, and to donate to charity bicycles that go unclaimed after 45 days without fulfilling publication or public auction requirements. Status: Senate Judiciary.

AB 355 (E. Garcia) Unclaimed property: safe deposit boxes. This bill authorizes the State Controller to mail a separate notice to an apparent owner of a U.S. savings bond, war bond, or military award inside a safe deposit box or other safekeeping repository whose name is shown on or can be associated with the contents of a safe deposit box or other safekeeping repository and is different from the name of the reported owner. Status: Chapter 297, Stats. 2015.

Real Property

AB 807 (Stone) Real estate transfer fees: recorded documents. This bill: (1) clarifies the definition of private transfer fees (PTF) to include any fee that must be paid "as the result of" the transfer of the property; (2) clarifies the method of calculating the PTF if the fee is neither a flat fee, nor a percentage of the sales price; and (3) clarifies that required disclosures about the PTF must appear in a single document and cannot be incorporated by reference into other documents. Status: Chapter 634, Stats. 2015.

AB 1138 (Patterson) High speed rail: eminent domain. This bill would have restricted the High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), or the State Public Works Board (PWB) acting on behalf of the Authority, from adopting a resolution of necessity to commence an eminent domain proceeding unless the resolution meets certain requirements. Status: Failed: Assembly Transportation.

AB 1402 (Harper and Jones-Sawyer) Inverse condemnation: comparative fault. This bill applies the doctrine of comparative fault to inverse condemnation actions and requires a court or arbitrator to reduce the compensation paid to a plaintiff in an inverse condemnation proceeding

in direct proportion to his or her percentage of fault, if any, in the damaging of property that constitutes a taking. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 1448 (Lopez) Energy conservation: real property restrictions. This bill permits tenants, as well as owners in a homeowners association (HOA), to use clotheslines and drying racks, as defined, subject to reasonable time and location restrictions and, in the case of a tenant, the approval of the landlord. Status: Chapter 602, Stats. 2015.

SB 142 (Jackson) Unmanned aerial vehicles: trespass into airspace. This bill states that the operation of an unmanned aerial vehicle less than 350 feet above ground in the airspace overlying the property of another person, without permission from that person or other legal authority, constitutes trespass. Status: Vetoed.

SB 188 (Hancock) Municipal utility district: recovery of delinquent charges. This bill makes permanent the provisions of an existing law that authorizes a municipal utility district (MUD) to file a lien on real property in order to recover unpaid water and sewer utility charges rendered to a lessee, tenant, or subtenant. Status: Chapter 270, Stats. 2015.

SB 474 (Wieckowski) Auctions: real property. With respect to real property auctions, this bill eliminates the creditor bid exemption to the existing prohibition on announcing or allowing an auction bid offered for the sole purpose of increasing a bid amount, and re-casts the existing prohibition to apply only to increased bids offered by the auctioneer. Status: Chapter 354, Stats. 2015.

Rental Property

AB 205 (Wood) Residential property: possession by declaration. This bill authorizes Humboldt County, Lake County, and the cities of Eureka and Fairfield to participate in a pilot program established last year by the Legislature that allows property owners in certain areas to register their vacant residential properties with local law enforcement, and directs law enforcement to follow certain procedures in responding to unauthorized persons found on such registered property. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 418 (Chiu) Tenancy: termination: victims of violent crime. This bill extends indefinitely the authorization to use documentation from a qualified third party based on information received by that third party while acting in his or her professional capacity, as specified, to support a notice to terminate a tenancy when the tenant or a household member becomes the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or abuse of an elder or dependent adult. This bill also reduces from 30 days to 14 days the obligation of a tenant who becomes a victim, as specified, to pay rent after providing the landlord with notice to terminate the tenancy. Status: Chapter 70, Stats. 2015.

AB 551 (Nazarian) Rental property: bedbugs. This bill prescribes the duties of landlords and tenants with regard to the treatment and control of bed bugs in residential rental housing. Among other things, this bill: (1) requires landlords to provide prospective tenants with specified information about bed bugs; (2) requires tenants who find bed bug infestations to notify their landlord within seven days; and (3) requires a landlord to retain the services of a pest control operator after receiving notification of an infestation, and if an infestation is confirmed, requires

the landlord to contract with a pest control operator to prepare and implement a bed bug treatment program and management plan. Status: Senate Inactive file.

AB 587 (Chau) Mobilehomes: tax abatement program. This bill creates a tax abatement program, beginning January 2016 and lasting for three years, for mobilehome owners who are unable to transfer title of their home into their name due to tax delinquencies incurred by prior owners. This bill also establishes notification requirements for the transfer of any ownership interest or transferring or creating any security interest in a mobilehome, and creates a moratorium on evictions, coinciding with the abatement program, based on lack of accurate title, to encourage owners to come forward. Status: Senate Transportation and Housing.

AB 999 (Daly) Mobilehomes: disposal. This bill establishes due process requirements for mobilehome park owners that if satisfied, would allow them to dispose of an abandoned mobilehome without first being required to pay unpaid property taxes or vehicle license fees, if applicable, on the mobilehome. Among other things, this bill also requires a court to enter a judgment of abandonment if, instead, the criteria for abandonment has been satisfied and no party establishes an interest in the mobilehome and tenders all past due rent and other charges. Status: Chapter 376, Stats. 2015.

AB 1522 (Committee on Judiciary) Unlawful detainer. This bill provides an additional 30 days for the California Research Bureau (CRB) to complete a pilot program report evaluating the merits of the nuisance eviction programs established under Civil Code Sections 3485 and 3486.5, and summarizing the information reported to the CRB by cities participating in those programs. Status: Senate Judiciary.

SB 244 (Vidak) Mobilehomes: injunctions. This bill eliminates the January 1, 2016 sunset date on the existing law authorizing the management of a mobilehome park to enjoin violations of park rules by seeking an injunction, rather than filing an unlawful detainer, thus making this authority permanent. Status: Chapter 176, Stats. 2015.

SB 328 (Hueso) Landlords: notice of pesticide use. This bill requires a landlord or a landlord's agent to provide affected tenants with advance written notice of the use of pesticides at a dwelling unit if the landlord or authorized agent applies any pesticide without a licensed pest control operator. The bill also requires the posting of a similar notice at least 24 hours prior to applying a pesticide in a common area without a licensed pest control operator, unless the pest poses an immediate threat to health and safety, in which case the notice would be required to be posted as soon as practicable, but not later than one hour after the pesticide is applied. Status: Chapter 278, Stats. 2015.

SB 761 (Hall) Advertising: Internet private residence rental listings: notice. This bill requires the operator of a hosting platform, as defined, to provide a specified notice to tenants using the platform that listing their residence for short-term rental may be a violation of their lease. Status: Chapter 239, Stats. 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

AB 37 (Campos) 3D library printers: notice of liability. This bill requires every public library that provides public access to a 3D printer, as defined, to post a notice on or near the printer

alerting users of the potential liability for misuse of the 3D printer. This bill requires the Department of Justice to draft and distribute this notice, as specified, and annually review and revise the notice for accuracy. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 398 (Campos) California Embassy. This bill allows an organization to identify or represent itself as the official sponsor of the California Embassy for the State of California if specified conditions are met, including that the organization is tax-exempt, the organization is formed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a California Embassy in the District of Columbia within a 2-mile radius of the United States Capitol building, and that the mission statement of the organization includes specified provisions. Status: Assembly Judiciary.

AB 501 (Levine) Resources: Delta research. This bill requires a person conducting Delta research, and whose research is funded in whole or in part by state funds, to share findings, data, samples, collections, and other supporting material created and gathered in the course of the research, as specified. Status: Assembly Appropriations.

AB 731 (Gallagher) Code maintenance. This bill makes numerous non-substantive technical changes in the California codes that have been recommended by the Office of Legislative Counsel. Status: Chapter 303, Stats. 2015.

AB 1524 (Committee on Utilities and Commerce) Electricity: energy crisis litigation. This bill extends, by two years, the authority of the Attorney General to represent the Department of Finance and to exercise the powers of the now-defunct Electricity Oversight Board (EOB) in any litigation related to the 2000-02 energy crisis. Status: Chapter 382, Stats. 2015.

ACR 92 (Gipson) 50th Anniversary of the Watts Revolt. This resolution commemorates and recognizes the historical significance of the 1965 Watts Revolt and urges the development of public policies and private initiatives to address the problems of continuing racial disparities and institutional racism in several areas, including education, employment, housing, healthcare, and law enforcement. Status: Resolution Chapter 188, Stats. 2015.

AJR 9 (Chang) Patent reform. This resolution calls upon Congress and the president to craft a balanced and workable approach to reduce incentives for and minimize unnecessary patent litigation while ensuring that legitimate patent enforcement rights are protected and maintained. Status: Resolution Chapter 123, Stats. 2015.

SB 249 (Hueso) Enhanced driver's licenses. This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with a federal agency to allow the DMV to offer an enhanced driver's license, which includes radio frequency identification technology (RFID), to applicants who request it. The bill sets forth certain security measures designed to prevent unauthorized reading of information on embedded RFID chips. The bill specifies that the RFID chip must contain only a random number or incorporate some other security device to prevent unauthorized reading of the holder's personal information. The bill declares the Legislature's intent that employers shall not compel an employee to obtain an enhanced driver's license if the employee prefers not to apply for one. Status: Vetoed.

SB 385 (Hueso) Drinking water standards: compliance plans. This bill allows the State Water Resources Control Board to grant a public water system with additional time to meet the

state's drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium by submitting a compliance plan for how it intends to comply with the standard. Status: Chapter 272, Stats. 2015.

SB 539 (Glazer) Public property: Confederate names. This bill prohibits, as of January 1, 2017, naming any school, park, building or other public property after elected officials or senior military officers of the Confederate States of America. The bill requires removal of existing Confederate names by January 1, 2017. The bill exempts a city or county and any public properties within the jurisdiction of the city or county that share the name of the city or county. Status: Vetoed.

SB 582 (Hall) Electrified fences. This bill authorizes an owner of real property to install and operate an electrified fence on his or her property if the property is not in a residential zone, the fence meets specified requirements, and a local ordinance does not prohibit its installation and operation. Status: Chapter 273, Stats. 2015.

SJR 11 (Leyva) United States Postal Service. This resolution urges the United States Congress to require the United States Postal Service to take all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012, and further urges Congress to oppose any postal reform legislation that does not continue the mandate for six-day delivery service to protect door-to-door delivery as it currently exists. Status: Resolution Chapter 183, Stats. 2015.

SJR 12 (Pan) Mitsuye Endo Tsutsumi: Presidential Medal of Freedom Nomination. This resolution expresses the Legislature's support for the nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom of Mitsuye Endo Tsutsumi, who brought a successful legal challenge to end the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII. Status: Resolution Chapter 150, Stats. 2015.